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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A cannula for use in laparoscopic surgery has a central
passage which may accept a trocar to create a laparoscopic
incision in a body wall to an inner body cavity. A tubular
section of the cannula is then pressed into the incision to
form a port. The tubular section has passages through its
walls for suturing needles and a source for insufflating gas.
A tubular sleeve is slidably supported on the outer side of the
tubular cannula for movement between a raised position
clear of the needle passage exit ports and a lowered position
blocking the exit ports to prevent insufflation gases from
passing into the body wall.

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